

TERRORISM

Total - 100% - security can never be guaranteed. But vigilance on the part of the public is one of the best ways of preventing and detecting crime, including terrorist crime. Communities defeat terrorism. Please let the police or other authorities know if you have any suspicions. It is better to take action rather than do nothing even if it proves to be a false alarm!

Bombs – be alert: what you can do to help police fight terrorism

- If you are responsible for any building make sure you have checked your security arrangements
- Check your contingency plans and make sure that everyone is aware of what to do in the event of an emergency
- Keep a careful check on garages and underground car parks, so that you know whose vehicles are on your premises
- If you have security cameras, make sure they are working properly and retain the films in case they might be of use to police later.
- On a personal level, look out for anything you think is suspicious and tell the police or someone in authority.

CCTV (Close Circuit Television) guidelines

Make sure:

- You have established the operational requirement for your system.
- The picture is clear and people and vehicles are identifiable
- The camera is covering the right area and there is enough light for a clear picture
- The recording heads are clean and the equipment is serviced at least once a year
- The time and date display is correct

Remember to:

- Change tapes daily
- Keep tapes for up to 31 days
- Use tapes no more than 12 times

- Use good quality tape and check it by replaying it on a different machine

Postal bombs – be alert

If you have any suspicions, or if your parcel has any of these characteristics, put it down gently and walk away from it, ask everyone to leave the area, sound the alarm.

Be alert for:

- Any unusual smell
- Uneven distribution of weight
- Visible wire or tinfoil
- Poor handwriting, spelling or typing
- Wrongly addressed items
- Items that are heavy for their size
- Items from an unexpected source
- Too many stamps for the weight
- Excessive wrapping, tape or staples
- Deliveries by hand
- Grease marks on the envelope or wrapping.